

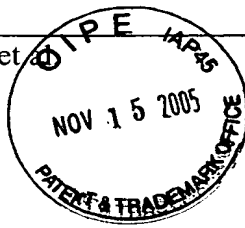
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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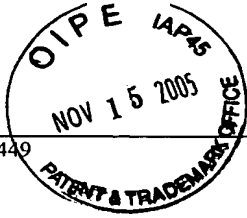
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Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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